

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 2:22-36

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

I Samuel 2:22-36

In The Midst of Winter,

Out of Sight and Beneath the View, Seeds are Lying Dormant. Some seeds, awaiting the Spring so they can explode into brilliant colors and blooms while other seeds wait to grow up and become thorns and stickers

Weeds Among the Flowers

Genesis 3:17-18

Then God said to Adam, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. **18** Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. **8** For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Be Careful at Sowing Seeds

1.) Choose to Do What is Right

vv. 22-25

*Failing, Neglecting and Resisting Correction
in Our Lives Will Lead to Destruction*

Choose to Do What is Right

a.) *Failing to Correct Error*

v.22

Now Eli was very old; and **he heard everything** his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

Eli Had Not Pursued The Souls of His Sons

(Evangelize Your Children)

Job 1:4-5

Now his sons would go and feast in their houses, each on his appointed day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. 5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts."
Thus Job did regularly.

1 Samuel 1:27

"For this child I prayed...

Failing to Correct Error

Will not stick unless your children know that you love them

Choose to Do What is Right

b.) *Neglecting to Correct Evil*

vv.23-24

23 So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people. 24 "No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the LORD'S people transgress

His Weak Love

For his sons resulted in him having no authority

Neglecting to Correct Evil

Proverbs 13:24

He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

Choose to Do What is Right

c.) *Resisting Correction*

v.25

25 "If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?" Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father,
because the LORD desired to kill them.

Proverbs 22:15

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 23:13

Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.

Proverbs 23:13

The Living Bible

Don't fail to correct your children; discipline won't hurt them! They won't die if you use a stick on them!
Punishment will keep them out of hell.

Resisting Correction

Embracing Correction Prevents Future Correction

THE APPLICATION POINTS ARE THESE

Rather Than Fail at These Points, We Want To Do The Following

Rather Than Fail to Correct Error

Look for it and Respond to it

Rather Than Neglect to Correct Evil

Instruct About it and Reinforce Against It

Rather Than Resist Correction

Understand it is for Our Good and Realize it's to Our Advantage

Proverbs 27:6

Faithful are the wounds of a friend...

Be Careful at Sowing Seeds

2.) Determine to Cooperate with God

vv. 26-29

• ***God Knows about Everything***

And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men. 27 **Then a man of God came to Eli...**

While Eli & Sons Were Fading,
Samuel is Growing and His Time is Arriving

Jesus Knows The Direction in Life That You Should Take

II Thessalonians 3:5

Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

Proverbs 3:5-7

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil.

b.) God has Provided all that we Need

vv.27-28

Then the man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: '**Did I not clearly reveal Myself** to the house of your father when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? 28 '**Did I not choose** him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod before Me? And **did I not give** to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire

Did I not reveal Myself

Did I not choose him

Did I not give You

Eli's Sons Had Heard and Seen So Much, But to Benefit to Them Personally

c.) God desires Holiness from Us

v.29

Why do you **kick** at My sacrifice and My offering which I have commanded in My dwelling place, and **honor** your sons more than Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people?'

#1

Why do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering
(resist, avoid and neglect at worship)

#2

And you honor your sons more than Me
(Idols enthroned in the Heart)

To communicate to our children that God

can settle for 2nd place in our lives or 3rd or 4th in our lives is to teach them more than what is said on any Sunday...

"God's On My Top 10 List"

Matthew 10:37

"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

- What do our children know about our **prayer life**?
- What do our children know about our **spending priorities**?
- What do our children know about our **Bible reading**?
- What do our children know about our **loving others**?
- What do our children know about our **worship**?
- What do our children know about our love for God over **everything else**

WHAT THEY REMEMBER ABOUT YOU - WILL BE THEIR HABIT OF LIFE

What They See of You Outwardly,
Determines what they'll do Inwardly

REMEMBER

Not all parents have failed – but their children have gone astray

Verse 29

to make yourselves fat with the best of all...

They Did Not Trust God to Provide What they
needed – *They Provided for Themselves and Began to Believe in
Themselves!*

They Stole and Robbed from God

Malachi 3:7-10

Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?' 8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

Be Careful at Sowing Seeds

3.) Respond to God in an Act of Worship

vv. 30-36

a.) Because He's Looking for a Heart

vv.30-32

30 "Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed. 31 'Behold, the days are coming that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house. 32 And you will see an enemy in My dwelling place, despite all the good which God does for Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house forever.

Reverence for God is the Issue

2 Timothy 2:19

..."Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

Proverbs 16:17

The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; he who keeps his way preserves his soul.

Psalms 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His will.

Respond to God in an Act of Worship

b.) Because He's Holy and Just

vv.33-34

33 'But any of your men whom I do not cut off from My altar shall consume your eyes and grieve your heart. And all the descendants of your house shall die in the flower of their age. 34 'Now this shall be a sign to you that will come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die, both of them.

1 Sam 2:33 (amplified)

I will spare them only so that they can blind your own eyes with tears and to grieve your heart with sadness...

Exodus 34:5-7

Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. 6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Ezekiel 33:11

"Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'"

Respond to God in an Act of Worship

c.) *Because He's Forever Faithful*

vv.35-36

35 'Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever. 36 'And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left in your house will come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and say, "Please, put me in one of the priestly positions, that I may eat a piece of bread.'"

Lamentations 3:22-23

Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; 2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night,

Psalm 103:17

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children,

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